

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 604
By Bowers

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Montrice Bowers
Whalum upon her graduation from Christian
Brothers University on May 13, 2005.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have attained a goal for which they have strived for years; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Montrice Bowers Whalum, who will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Applied Psychology and an emphasis in Criminal Justice on May 13, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Whalum attended Longview and Alton Elementary Schools and Oakhaven Middle and High School; she graduated from South Side High School in 1980 ranked and impressive seventy-fifth five out of 500 seniors; and

WHEREAS, she then studied at Memphis State University, Shelby State Community College, and received a license to do nails from The State Technology Institute; and

WHEREAS, supporting herself while pursuing her education, Montrice Whalum was employed by the Kettle Restaurant and the Shelby County Sheriff's Office; she is currently a Deputy Sheriff and works in the Criminal Courts division; and

WHEREAS, intimately involved in her community, Mrs. Whalum also participates in many clubs and organizations, including the YMCA, NAACP, The Mother Ida Belle Bracy, and Tuesday's Prayer; and

WHEREAS, she is a faithful member of both the Immaculate Conception Catholic Cathedral and the Pentecostal Temple Church of God In Christ and participates in both Sunday school and evening services; and

WHEREAS, most thankful for the loving support of her family, Montrice Bowers Whalum is the daughter of Maurice Bowers and Representative Kathryn Inez Bowers and the sister of Desiree Inez Bowers; she is the proud mother of Fredrick Maurice Whalum, James David Whalum, and Eric Jamison Whalum; and

WHEREAS, Montrice Whalum's noble goal of pursuing a Master's degree in Child Psychology and a Ph.D. in Child Psychology are worthy of commendation; and

WHEREAS, Montrice Whalum epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mrs. Whalum for her dedication and diligence to her personal education; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and congratulate Montrice Bowers Whalum upon her graduation from Christian Brothers University, offer our thanks for her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.